

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. Apparatus for processing fish or poultry or meat products,
2 comprising:
3 a plurality of work stations including at least two immersion chambers
4 operating at different temperatures, each work station including ingress and
5 egress for product transfers;
6 a transport system communicating with an ingress or egress for at
7 least one work station for transferring product thereby, said transport system
8 operating within an environment including ambient air; and
9 a structure associated with the environment for circulating ambient air
10 therethrough to remove particulate material from the ambient air.
- 1 2. Apparatus according to claim 1 in which the transport system
2 includes conveyor apparatus communicating with egress from a work station
3 to transfer product to a packaging station, said packaging station operating
4 within an environment for encapsulating the product within the environment
5 of the packaging station.
- 1 3. Apparatus according to claim 2 in which the packaging station
2 includes a structure for cooling and filtering ambient air in the environment
3 within which the product is encapsulated.

1 4. Apparatus according to claim 3 including an air filter for
2 excluding particulate contaminants greater than above .3μ inches from
3 ambient air in the environment within which the product is encapsulated.

1 5. Apparatus according to claim 3 including a structure disposed
2 relative to the environment within which the product is encapsulated for
3 cooling ambient air therein to about 33°-35°F.